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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SHOCKEY ET AL.

Examiner

Stephen M. Johnson

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-8, 10, 17-19, 22-24, 38-41, 53-56, 58, 61, 70-72, 74, 77, 81 and 82 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7, 23 and 82 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 17-19, 22, 24, 53-56, 58 and 61 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 38-40, 70-72 and 81 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 41, 74 and 77 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims subject to restriction and/or election requirement are 1-4,6-8,10,17-19,22-24,38-41,53-56,58,61,70-72,74,77,81 and 82.

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 38-40, 70-72, and 81 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Miguel.

Miguel discloses an apparatus and associated method for protecting interior objects comprising:

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| a) an outer shell; | 22, 10 |
| b) at least one layer of fabric; | 16 or 16C |
| c) the fabric tends to detach from the structure; | col. 5, lines 40-44 |
| d) the structure is a vehicle. | see cols. 1 and 2 |

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 70-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Simpson in view of Korpi et al. or Williams.

Simpson discloses an apparatus and associated method for protecting interior objects comprising:

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| a) an outer shell; | 9, 11, 13 |
| b) at least one layer of fabric; and | 33 |

c) a structure.

col. 1, lines 10-11

Simpson applies as recited above. However undisclosed is a structure that is a vehicle. Korpi et al. and Williams each teach a structure that is an armored vehicle (see entire disclosures). Applicant is substituting one vehicle for another in an analogous art setting as explicitly encouraged by the primary reference (see col. 1, lines 20-21 of Simpson). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in this art at the time of the invention to apply the teachings of Korpi et al. or Williams to the Simpson method and associated structure and have a structure that is a vehicle.

5. Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 17-19, 22, 24, 53-56, 58, and 61 are allowed.

6. Claims 41, 74, and 77 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. Claims 7, 23, and 82 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to non-elected inventions and/or species.

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 38-40, 70-72, and 81 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. KEVLAR Aramid publication is included.

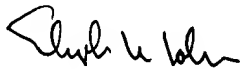
10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Johnson whose telephone number is 703-306-4158.

The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be

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reached on 703-306-4198. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-306-4177.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9326. The fax phone number for after final communications is (703) 872-9327.



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